

REMARKS

Claims 10 to 13 have been cancelled. Claims 39 to 70 have been added.

Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07-126143.

The rejection of claims 10 to 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over JP 07-126143 is moot since they have been cancelled.

Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 05208913.

The rejection of claims 10 to 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over JP 05208913 is moot since they have been cancelled.

Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 07157420.

The rejection of claims 10 to 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over JP 07157420 is moot since they have been cancelled.

Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 132 for introduction of new matter.

The rejection of claims 10 to 13 under 35 U.S.C. 132 is moot since they have been cancelled.

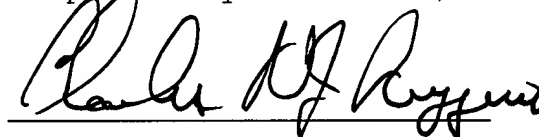
Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The rejection of claims 10 to 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is moot since they have been cancelled.

New claims 39 to 70 patentably distinguish the prior art references cited in the Action. Independent claims 39, 49, 57, and 64 require an additional ingredient selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin C, and bioflavonoids. None of the cited prior art references disclose a composition having the combination of an effective amount of crepe myrtle extract and the additional ingredient.

Allowance of claims 39 to 70 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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